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### CAPTAIN HENDRY'S LETTER.

La Belle, Jan. 17, 1908.

Editor Tropical Breeze:

Dear Sir:—What is the matter with our mutual friend, John Collins, of the True Democrat?

In substance he says in an editorial of the 10th inst., that the work now going on to drain our swamp and overflowed lands is an "unauthorized, wasteful expenditure of the people's money." This is a hard saying made by one of the leading newspapers of our fair State, and doubtless may cause some people to believe that our Governor and the whole drainage crowd are bad men.

The editorial is a terrible one to go out before the people who naturally look to the press of the State for truthful information on all public measures. I am inclined to believe that he did not weigh that editorial in the scale of caution before it went into cold type and set out on its mission of information.

As I understand it, the money being spent, which he calls the people's money, is not strictly the people's money, only in the sense that the people are and will be the beneficiaries of a large fund given to the State strictly and solely for drainage purposes. I do not understand that a single cent which has been used and now being used by our drainage officials has been drawn from the public treasury, or one cent of it ever collected from the people by taxation or otherwise. Uncle Sam is paying the bills, or in other words has long since provided ways and means to drain ever acre of our swamp and overflowed lands, and the people of the State today stand in a very creditable light in the eyes of Uncle Sam for neglecting to do it.

The National Government in a spirit of great liberality gave our State about 20,000,000 acres of land, and in that deed of gift said in substance to the State, go to work and drain those lands, for without drainage they are worthless; use them in kind or by any applying the proceeds to the construction of canals, dykes, levees, etc., or as much of it as may be necessary to reclaim them. Uncle Sam said in that deed of gift that the Legislature of the State should have control of the lands, with a strong proviso that they must be sold for their own drainage and reclamation. It is my understanding that the Legislature of our State has passed laws to conform to this deed of gift in the language of the act of Congress Sept. 22, 1890.

Now we are told by the True Democrat that the whole drainage operation is unauthorized, and a wasteful expenditure of the people's money.

Surely our officials are clothed with all the authority they need from both the State of Florida and the National Government. As to the waste of this money, it will be hard for the True Democrat to convince the public that to drain our swamp land is a waste of money, for it is universally known that those lands being drained are the very best in the State. That editorial says in substance that all this drainage work is going on in the face of the people's verdict against drainage, they simply refused to incorporate in our Constitution a certain drainage law passed by the Legislature in 1905.

This fact has been admitted by the most active and potent opposition to that proposed constitutional amendment. Mr. Choate, who was the chief of that opposition, admitted this fact to the writer in the office of the True Democrat during the last session of the Legislature, not in a spirit of controversy, but in a special conversation, which I recall with pleasure. Mr. Choate and the writer are personal friends of long standing, and I have the highest regard for Editor Collins, and am sorry he wrote that editorial of the 10th. I look upon it as being the keenest and most uncharitable thrust ever published in any of our State papers. I look upon Gov. Broward and every member composing the trustees of the I. I. Fund and the drainage commission as being absolutely incapable of doing anything in their line of duty without due authority of law, and would not waste a dollar of the drainage funds which they are custodians of. It is not my purpose to be conspicuous in their defense, but deem it a duty as a common layman to express myself in the behalf of these distinguished officials who are trying to discharge their plain duty according to their official obligations.

To what other purpose can this fund be legally applied? It is true that our railroads have acquired the most of these lands through the actions of past Legislatures, and a ruling of our courts that the railroads were systems of drainage about which I am now writing. The lands granted to the State for drainage purposes, and the money from the sale of those lands constitutes the drainage fund, and there is no law against it. Notwithstanding this undeniable fact some papers claim that the fund should be applied to building good roads, schools, etc., but I can't see how it can be legally done.

The above is as I understand conditions. If I am wrong I want to know wherein I am wrong. If you, or Brother Collins, or any other editor in the State can show me my attitude is wrong I shall be much obliged and will take a back seat.

Yours sincerely,  
F. A. HENDRY.

(Ed. Note.—So far as I am aware, Captain, you are absolutely correct. As to Bro. Collins, I expect you'll have to chaperon him around in the drainage district for a while before he will ever see the error of his way).—Fort Myers Tropical Breeze.

"Bro. Collins" hopes some day to be chaperoned around a little through the 'Glades country with the Editor of the Breeze and Captain Hendry, for both friends have several times extended the invitation and promised us a good time.

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### LOCAL OPTION IN WASHINGTON.

"Whisky has no enemies in the cloak-room and no friends on the floor," said Representative Sherley, of Kentucky. Congress may not reform the currency, or revise the penal laws of the United States, or provide for adequate coast defense, or amend the Sherman law, or reduce the extravagant expenditures of the Federal Government, but it is reasonably certain to grant the demands of the W. O. T. U. to the extent of enacting a local-option law for the District of Columbia.

When this act is passed it will contain no provision disfranchising the negro. No honest and thirsty Southern statesman will advocate a "grandfather clause" to restrain the colored brother's fine frenzy at the polls. Here is one issue of negro suffrage on which North and South, Democrat and Republican, will stand shoulder to shoulder, an impregnable phalanx.

When the local-option bill passes, every male negro in the District of Columbia who has attained the age of twenty-one years will have not only a chance but an invitation to vote on the great issue of sumptuary regulation. And few Congressmen are disturbed by doubts as to what the colored brother will do to the Demon Rum when he encounters it at the ballot-box.—New York World.

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### MR. LAMAR TALKS SOME.

Hon. W. B. Lamar, Congressman from the Third Florida district, who has been visiting various points in South Florida, is expected here today for a visit of several days before returning to Washington to resume his duties as a representative from Florida.

While in Tampa this week Congressman Lamar was interviewed by a Tampa Morning Tribune reporter, and in Tuesday's issue of that paper is quoted as follows, relative to his recent visit to Jacksonville:

"Of course," said Col. Lamar, "I have not been in Tampa this trip sufficiently long to tell 'how Tampa is going' in the senatorial race. However, I have my friends here and my record throughout an unusually long public career is to be my mainstay, hence I feel at home here with known friends and with those who know upon what I base my platform. I shall remain here until Wednesday and I am sure that by that time I will be able to tell more of the situation."

"But I was surprised," he remarked, "at the Jacksonville situation and the manner in which it is viewed throughout the State, or at least those sections which I have visited. I do not expect to make this a sectional fight, but it seems that the political pot in Duval is going to boil over on someone before long. And that someone is very naturally going to be someone who is standing too close to the fire. But, to do away with metaphor, I found the situation there such that instead of leaving Jacksonville after a day's stay, as I intended, I remained two, then three, then four, then seven days and half of another, and I am glad I did."

"Col. Lamar's conversation was long and deeply interesting, dealing with his stand upon matters of vital interest and upon points not now covered on the statute books but which must come within the very near future. These, however, will be covered by his platform and lack of space in the Tribune this morning precludes a recount of the interesting interview."—Tampa Tribune.

C. D. Roberson in the office of the Attorney General is agent for the Old Fox Writing Machine, also for the New Waible Fox. He has just filled an order for a number of machines. If you wish to take a peep at a Fox, visit the office of the County Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Commissioner of Agriculture, the State Treasurer, the Governor or the Attorney General and ask the opinion of the operator regarding the merits of the Fox in use. 48-1t

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### ST. MARKS HUNTING AND FISHING.

St. Marks, Fla., Jan. 29, 1908.

A party of Cincinnati, Ohio, gentlemen have just wound up a very successful fishing trip at this place. They came down in a private car, hired several launches and went east of the light house. They did not do very much there, but on coming back here they caught more fish than they could destroy. They caught in the neighborhood of three hundred red fish weighing from three to six and eight pounds.

Tuesday morning Fred Burch, of Tallahassee, accompanied by his uncle from Canada, came down. They went out a short time in the afternoon and caught an even dozen large red fish. They will be here several days, and expect to have many more successful trips before returning home.

Mr. Breckenridge Gamble and party of New York friends came down Monday morning, secured a large launch here and went east for a week's fishing and hunting.

Hunting is exceptionally good this season; all kinds. Turkey are plentiful and several deer have been killed recently near here. A party is going out for deer tomorrow. This will be the last deer hunt this season, as the time for shooting them expires with this month.

### This is Worth Remembering

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### Monthly Financial Statement of County Board of Public Instruction.

STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF LEON.

Tallahassee, Fla., Dec. 1, 1907.

To Hon. Henry T. Follet, Clerk Circuit Court:  
We, in compliance with section 3, chapter 4882, Laws of Florida, do hereby file with you the following itemized financial statement of all school money received, appropriations made and warrants issued for the month ending the 31st day of November, A. D. 1907:

### RECAPITULATION OF COUNTY FUND.

1. Balance in treasury on per last statement	\$7,982.53
2. Receipts for month as itemized herein	2,442.75
3. Warrants outstanding this date	585.75
4. Warrants outstanding on per last report	983.04
5. Total warrants drawn this month as itemized herein	2,512.57
6. Cash in hands of treasurer this date	6,764.42
	\$11,222.21

W. L. DAVIS, Chairman.

E. B. STAFFS, Secretary.

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